

### **REMARKS**

The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and entry of the amendments of the After Final Response dates 12 December 2008. The applicant notes that the Office failed to find the applicant's remarks and amendments persuasive. The applicant respectfully requests that the Office reconsider its rejection and continue examination in light of the following brief explanation: The cited references, either alone or in combination fail to disclose grooves of substantial uniformity of thickness for their entire length. These grooves of the claimed invention are disposed in a specific geometry not disclosed in the cited references, wherein the length designated by the letter "a" is equal to the length to the length identified by the letter "b". The applicant respectfully submits that these distinctions are present in the claims as amended and respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance.

Applicant believes the above amendments and remarks to be fully responsive to the Office Action, thereby placing this application in condition for allowance. No new matter is added. Applicant requests speedy reconsideration, and further requests that Examiner contact its attorney by telephone, facsimile, or email for quickest resolution, if there are any remaining issues.

This RCE is being submitted in good faith and is a bona fide attempt to advance the application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.111.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 500323 AUTHORIZATION - All necessary fees relating to the attached submittal, if any, are intended to be included. However, the Office is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees relating to the submittal to deposit account 500323, registered to Vernon C. Maine PLLC, contact telephone no. 603-886-6100.

Respectfully submitted,  
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